

**12.20.050 Sewer service charges.**

(a) There is imposed on the owner of each premises an annual sewer service charge as shown in Table 1 plus applicable adjustments. There are two components of the sewer service charge. The first component is the sanitary sewer system charge. The sanitary sewer system charge has been developed to pay the costs of administering, monitoring, operating, maintaining, improving and retiring the capital debts of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1 Sanitary Sewer System. The second component is the stormwater management program charge. The stormwater management program charge has been developed to pay the costs of administering, monitoring, operating, maintaining and improving the storm sewer system throughout the City of Richmond.

(b) There is imposed on the owner of each premises discharging to the sanitary sewer system under the wastewater discharge permitting program the following service charges, in amounts as listed in the City's Published Master Fee Schedule.

- (1) Permit fee;
- (2) Site visit inspection charge;
- (3) Site visit inspection charge (when visit includes monitoring, sampling or testing);
- (4) Laboratory charges of cost plus 10% (when contract laboratory analysis required).

(c) Nothing in this section shall rescind or modify any regulations applying to industrial discharges as set forth in Resolution No. 7321 of the Richmond City Council.

(d) Notwithstanding the provision of sewer service charge credits as set forth in Section 12.20.065 of this chapter, the owner of any premises who, by reason of special circumstances, claims that the foregoing charges are unjust or inequitable as applied to his or her premises may make written application to the City Engineer stating the circumstances and requesting a different basis for sewer charges. Any claim due to different strength characteristics of loading shall be supported by measurements, tests, and analyses of the waters and wastes in accordance with the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater. Tests and analyses shall be conducted at the owner's expense by an independent laboratory certified by the State of California to perform such analyses. Actual location and method of sampling shall be subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

**TABLE 1  
ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE (1)**

TABLE INSET:

Premises Location	Sanitary Sewer System Charge (2, 3, 4)	Stormwater Management Program Charge
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Within City of Richmond and within West County Wastewater District or Stege Sanitary District No. 1	No Charge	\$32.00 per SSU. Or \$3.32 per IWU but not less than \$32.00.

Within City of Richmond and within Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1	Single Unit Resident:	\$32.00 per SSU. Or \$3.32 per IWU but not less than \$32.00.
	FY 06-07 \$402 per SSU	
	FY 07-08 \$434 per SSU	
	FY 08-09 \$469 per SSU	
	FY 09-10 \$506 per SSU	
	FY 10-11 \$547 per SSU	
	Multiunit Residential:	
	FY 06-07 \$323 per SSU	
	FY 07-08 \$349 per SSU	
	FY 08-09 \$377 per SSU	
	FY 09-10 \$407 per SSU	
	FY 10-11 \$439 per SSU	
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Within City of Richmond and within Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1	Commercial and Industrial:	\$32.00 per SSU. Or \$3.32 per IWU but not less than \$32.00.
	FY 06-07 \$29.16 per IWU, \$0.619 per lbs BOD and \$0.282 per lbs TSS but not less than \$241.	
	FY 07-08 \$31.49 per IWU, \$0.669 per lbs BOD and \$0.304 per lbs TSS but not less than \$260.	
	FY 08-09 \$34 per IWU, \$0.722 per lbs BOD and \$0.328 per lbs TSS but not less than \$281.	
	FY 09-10 \$36.73 per IWU, \$0.780 per lbs BOD and \$0.354 per lbs TSS but not	

	less than \$303.	
	FY 10-11 \$39.67 per IWU, \$0.842 per lbs BOD and \$0.382 per lbs TSS but not less than \$328.	

Notes:

- (1) Annual sewer service charge is the sum of the sanitary sewer system charge and the stormwater management program charge.
  - (2) Sanitary sewer system charge for years after FY 10-11 shall be equal to those for FY 10-11.
  - (3) Sanitary sewer system charges for commercial and industrial are: (a) calculated based on the unit rates shown and strength and volume per sampling and analysis by City of Richmond or (b) calculated based on the unit rates shown and strength and volume established by East Bay Municipal Utilities District assigned business classification codes as they now exist or are changed from time to time.
  - (4) SSU = Sewer service unit.
  - (5) IWU = Industrial waste unit.
  - (6) BOD = Five-day biochemical oxygen demand in mg/L.
  - (7) TSS = Total suspended solids in mg/L.
  - (8)
- (Amended by Ordinance No. 24-06 N.S.)

**12.20.055 Administrative fines.**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54740.5 and 54740.6 and Section 12.18.130 of the Municipal Code, the City may impose administrative fines on any person who intentionally or negligently violates any provisions of this chapter or any conditions set forth in permits duly issued; or, who discharges wastewater which causes pollution or violates any cease and desist order, prohibition, effluent limitation, national standard or performance, pretreatment or toxicity standard. The administrative fines shall be set at the rate set forth in the City of Richmond Municipal Code Sections 12.18.060(a)(2), (3) and (16), 12.18.080, or 12.18.090; provided, that the minimum administrative fine shall not be less than \$500 and the maximum administrative fine shall not exceed \$10,000. The formula to be utilized in establishing administrative fines shall be as follows:

(number of parts per million or pH units in violation of code) × (total number of industrial waste units) × (industrial waste unit flow in million gallons per year) × (8.34 pounds per gallon) × (\$1.99 per pound of illegal discharge).

Any administrative fines imposed pursuant to this section shall be subject to the procedures set forth in Section 12.18.330 of this Municipal Code.